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INFO GENEVA, USUN, JULY 18, FROM SECSTATE:

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L STATE 156172

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SUBJECT: 57TH ECOSOC: DEMARCHE OPPOSING FRENCH INTERSESSION-  
AL COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

REX4 A) GENEVA 4474 (NOTAL)

B) STATE 152965(NOTAL)

C) GENEVA 4500 (NOTAL)

1. AT THE UNGA SPECIAL SESSION, THE FRENCH INTRODUCED TWO  
RESOLUTIONS. ONE OF THESE (REFERRED TO IN GENEVA REFTELS  
AS "2ND FRENCH RESOLUTION") CALLED FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT  
OF AN INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD CONCENTRATE ON  
SUBJECTS RELATED TO ENERGY. THE RESOLUTION PROVIDED,  
INTER ALIA, FOR THE COMMITTEE TO STUDY WAYS OF EXTENDING  
THE DIALOGUE ON ENERGY TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY AS  
A WHOLE AND SUGGESTED A UN-SPONSORED SPECIAL CONFERENCE  
ON ENERGY AS ONE POSSIBILITY.

2. THE VOTE ON THIS SECOND FRENCH RESOLUTION IN THE  
ECONOMIC COMMITTEE OF ECOSOC WILL TAKE PLACE SHORTLY. THE  
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RESOLUTION WILL THEN BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE PLENARY FOR A

FINAL VOTE, PROBABLY NEXT WEEK.

3. WE OPPOSE THIS RESOLUTION AS WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY  
OPPOSED APPROACHES NOT BASED UPON A COORDINATED CONSUMER  
POSITION. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE INTERSESSIONAL COMMITTEE  
WOULD SERVE ANY USEFUL PURPOSE IN WORKING OUT INTERNA-

TIONAL SOLUTIONS TO THE GLOBAL ENERGY PROBLEM. AT BEST,  
IT WOULD MERELY DUPLICATE WITHIN THE UN MANY INTERNATIONAL  
ACTIONS NOW UNDERWAY IN OTHER FORA AND GROUPS. AT WORSE,  
IT COULD DEVELOP INTO AN EXERCISE IN CONFRONTATION  
CONCLUDING WITH A LARGE AND UNWIELDY INTERNATIONAL CON-  
FERENCE WITH PRODUCERS AND DEVELOPED COUNTRIES SQUARED  
OFF AGAINST EACH OTHER AND THE DEVELOPING CONSUMERS  
CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE.

4. FYI REFTELS CLEARLY INDICATED THAT RESOLUTION WILL  
PASS BY A HEALTHY MAJORITY. WE CONSIDER, HOZEVER, THAT  
IT IS IMPORTANT IN THIS VOTE THAT MAJOR CONSUMERS,  
OTHER THAN FRANCE, BE CLEARLY ON RECORD AS VOTING AGAINST  
AND THAT CONSUMER SOLIDARITY BE MAINTAINED. END FYI

5. THE EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH APPROPRIATE HOST  
GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ASAP TO URGE THAT THEIR ECOSOC  
DELEGATIONS BE INSTRUCTED TO VOTE AGAINST THE SECOND  
FRENCH RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING AN INTERSESSIONAL  
COMMITTEE TO CONSIDER PROBLEMS OF ENERGY RESOURCESIN  
BOTH THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE AND THE PLENARY. YOU SHOULD  
DRAW ON PARA 3 ABOVE IN MAKING YOUR DEMARCHE.

6. FOR PARIS: IN SAME LOW-KEY NON-POLEMIC SPIRIT WHICH  
CHARACTERIZED US-FRENCH BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS IN GENEVA  
(GENEVA 4474 NOTAL), EMBASSY SHOULD NOTE OUR OPPOSITION  
TO FRENCH RESOLUTION AND REASONS THEREFOR. INGERSOLL  
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